

United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

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Walter S. Smith, Jr.
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Baylor 1964 BA, 1966 JD
Began Service: October 6, 1984
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court (1980-1983); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1983-1984)

Legal Practice: Dunnam & Dunnam (1966-1969); Wallace & Smith (1969-1978); Haley, Fulbright (1978-1980)

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Sam Sparks

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: Texas 1961 BA, 1963 LLB
Began Service: December 7, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Homer Thornberry, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1964-1965)

Government: Aide, U.S. Representative William Homer Thornberry (D-TX), United States House of Representatives (1963-1964)

Legal Practice: Associate Partner, Hardie, Grambling, Sims & Galatzan (1965)

Current Memberships: American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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W. Royal Furgeson

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Texas Tech 1964 BA; Texas 1967 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Halbert O. Woodward, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1969-1970)

Chambers of District Judge W. Royal Furgeson continued

Government: Assistant County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Lubbock, Texas (1969)

Legal Practice: Shareholder, Kemp, Smith, Duncan & Hammond, P.C. (1970-1994)

Military Service: United States Army (1967-1969)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Ector County Bar Association; El Paso Bar Association; Midland County Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Association of Defense Council; Texas Bar Foundation

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Fred Biery
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Texas Lutheran 1970 BA;
Southern Methodist 1973 JD
Began Service: March 14, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Judge, Bexar County Court at Law (1979-1982); Judge, Texas District Court, 150th District (1983-1988); Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District (1989-1994)

Legal Practice: Partner, Biery, Biery, Davis & Myers (1973-1978)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1970-1976)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; San Antonio American Inns of Court; San Antonio Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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Orlando Luis Garcia
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: Texas 1975 BA, 1978 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Legislative Aide, United States House of Representatives (1974-1983); State Representative Orlando Luis Garcia (R-TX), Texas House of Representatives (1983-1991)

Judicial: Judge, Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District (1991-1994)

Legal Practice: Associate, Law Office of Matt Garcia (1978-1985); Associate, Heard, Goggan, Blair & Williams (1985-1990)

Current Memberships: San Antonio Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation; Texas Judicial Council

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David Briones
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Texas 1971 JD
Began Service: October 17, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Judicial: Judge, County Court at Law No. 1 (1991-1994)

Legal Practice: Partner, Moreno and Briones, Attorneys at Law (1971-1991)

Military Service: United States Army (1964-1966)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; Mexican-American Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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